

A SWEET-MINDED WOMAN.

So great is the influence of a sweet-minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that friends come in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort; one soothing touch of her kindly hand works wonders in the feverish child; a few words let fall from her lips in the ear of a sorrow-stricken sister do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the cosy sitting-room and sees the blaze of fire and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences which act as the balm of Gilead to his wounded spirits that are wearied with the stern realities of life. The rough school-boy flies into a rage from the taunts of his companions to find solace in his mother's smiles; the little one, full of grief with her large trouble, finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instance after instance of the influence that a sweet-minded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with hers.—*Churchman.*

God is asking constancy of us. You do not need that I should remind you what ever besetting and fearful tempters are waylaying your steadfastness.—*Bishop Huntingdon.*

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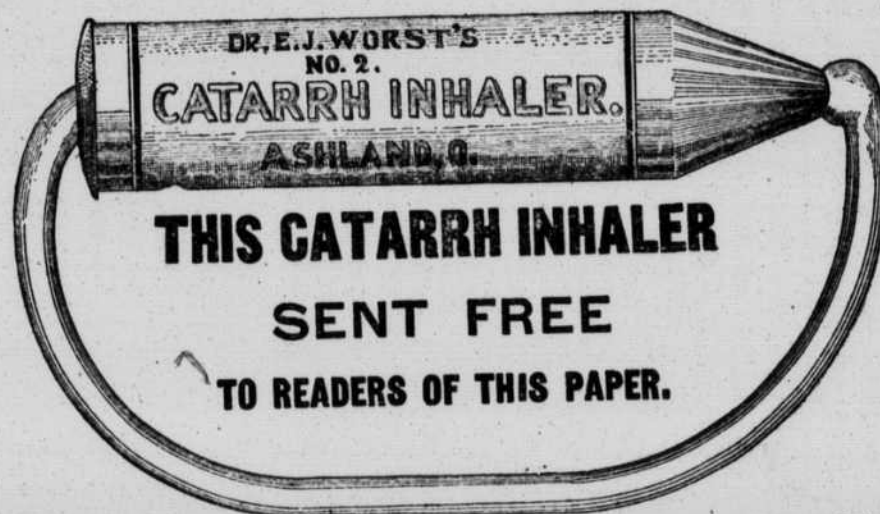
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